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Peterson et al. :
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Application No.: 10/813,447 : Group Art Unit: 3773
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING :
ANASTOMOTIC CONNECTIONS LARGER
THAN THE GRAFT CONDUIT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2010, finally rejecting claims 1-6, 17-20, 35-43, 47-49, and 62, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: